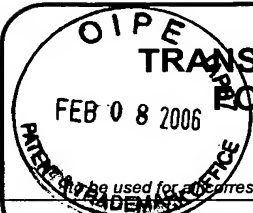
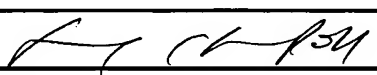


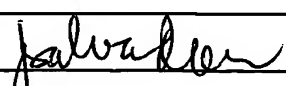
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

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